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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Thomas Poy, Chief
Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (WG-15J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Poy:

Thank you for your February 20, 2015, letter to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA), requesting updates on selected noncompliant drinking water systems in Michigan. The spreadsheet you provided identified eight Community Water Systems (CWS) and 34 Noncommunity Water Systems (NCWS) for us to comment on.

Of the eight CWSs:

- Six returned to compliance;
- One, Heritage Apartments, is being pursued for escalated enforcement by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5; and
- One, Fenton Harbor Condominiums, corrected treatment and tested below the arsenic Maximum Contaminate Level. The running annual average remains above 10 parts per billion.

Of the 34 NCWSs:

- Ten returned to compliance;
- Seven have erroneous violations recorded or other data issues that require attention;
- Six are still out of compliance. They are being given high priority for receiving guidance or escalated enforcement by their local health departments (LHD) in cooperation with the MDEQ; and
- Eleven are serving bottled water under an agreement with the MDEQ, and are being prioritized for assistance in selecting an arsenic treatment option.

Updates and corrections on all 42 water systems will be provided in our quarterly Safe Drinking Water Information System update, due in May 2015.

In your letter, you also identified four NCWSs that the MDEQ should consider referring to the USEPA for escalated enforcement. At this time, we conclude there are no good candidates for referral for reasons specified, case-by-case, in the attached modification of your spreadsheet.

Mr. Thomas Poy

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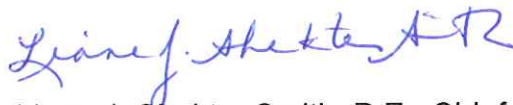
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In reference to each of the four NCWS referral candidates suggested by you:

- Three returned to compliance; and
- One, Roscommon High School, is still out of compliance, but we are waiting for the second 6-month round of lead/copper sampling to take place.

If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Dan Dettweiler, Environmental Quality Specialist, Noncommunity and Private Drinking Water Supplies Unit, Environmental Health Section, ODWMA, at 517-284-6525; dettweilerd@michigan.gov; or MDEQ, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741, or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Liane J. Shekter Smith".

Liane J. Shekter Smith, P.E., Chief
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517-284-6543

Attachment

cc: Mr. Thomas Murphy, USEPA
Mr. Richard Benzie, MDEQ
Ms. Carrie Monosmith, MDEQ
Ms. Dana DeBruyn, MDEQ
Ms. Kris Philip, MDEQ
Mr. Dan Dettweiler, MDEQ
Ms. Sue Maul, MDEQ